GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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FACILITIES EMPLOYMENT TO HANDICAPPED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of handicapped persons residing in the country from 1.1.97 to 31.1.2000, State-wise;

(b) facilities provided to these handcapped persons;

(c) the persons who are considered to be handicapped and the definition of a handicapped person;

(d) the number of handicapped persons provided with employment during the aforesaid period, year-wise;

(e) the procedure to be adopted by these persons to register their names;

(f) the number of handicapped persons likely to be provided with employment during the period from 2000 to 2002, year-wise; (g) whether the Government and concerned Department have received complaints that handicapped persons have to pay bribe for getting employment or loans from banks or registering themselves in Employment Exchanges; (h) if so, the number of complaints received during the said period; and (i) the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
SMT. MANEKA GANDHI
(a) The National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) conducted National Sample Survey 47th Round: July-December, 1991 to collect information on the number of persons with disabilities. Based on sample survey, approximately 5% of the population is estimated to be suffering from some kind of disability.

(b) A number of concessions/facilities have been provided to persons with disabilities, such as, conveyance allowance, reservation in Government jobs, age relaxation, scholarship, petrol subsidy, concession for travel by rail, income tax concession, concessional loans from Public Sector Banks, etc.

(c) The definitions of various disabilities have been given in Section 2 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995.

(d) The number of placements effected by Special Employment Exchanges from inception till December, 1997; number of persons rehabilitated in Vocational Rehabilitation Centres from inception till December, 1998; and number of placements effected by Employment Exchanges in respect of persons with disabilities during 1996 and 1997 are given in Annexures.I to III, respectively.

(e) The procedure prescribed from time to time by the Directorate General of Employment and Training, Ministry of Labour for registration in Employment Exchanges is required to be followed by all who are desirous to get themselves registered including those with disabilities.

(f) No information on such projections is available.

(g) and (h): No such complaint has been received.

(j) Does not arise.